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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
5 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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7 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case No. 2:17-cv-03048-GMN-DJA

8 Plaintiff,

**AMENDED ORDER SCHEDULING A
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

9 v.

10 ESTATE OF SANDRA DE FORREST,

11 Defendant.

12 This Order hereby amends the Court's prior Order (ECF No. 47) setting a settlement
13 conference for **Thursday, March 26, 2020**. All parties must report to **Courtroom 3A** in the
14 Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse, 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada,
15 at **9:30 a.m.**

16 **NOTE: SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE COURT'S SCHEDULING ORDER ARE**
17 **LISTED BELOW.**

18 The following requirements for the SC apply:

19 **1. Timeliness**

- 20 • All parties and counsel are expected to check-in with the undersigned's
21 Courtroom Deputy in Courtroom 3A at least 5 minutes prior to the SC.
22 • If anyone anticipates arriving after the start time, then they must call Chambers to
23 give prior notice.

24 **2. Attendance**

- 25 • An attorney of record who will be participating in the trial of this case, all parties
26 appearing pro se, if any, and all individual parties must be present in person.
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- 1 • In the case of non-individual parties, counsel must arrange for a representative
2 with binding authority to settle this matter up to the full amount of the claim to be
3 present in person for the duration of the SC session.
- 4 • If any party is subject to coverage by an insurance carrier, then a representative of
5 the insurance carrier with authority to settle this matter up to the full amount of
6 the claim must also be present in person for the duration of the SC session.
- 7 • The Court **will impose sanctions** to the extent a representative with binding
8 authority to settle this matter up to the full amount of the claim is not present in
9 person.
- 10 • A request for an exception to the above attendance requirements must be filed and
11 served on all parties **at least 14 days** before the SC session.
- 12 • An attorney of record, individual parties, a fully-authorized representative, and a
13 fully-authorized insurance representative must appear in person unless the court
14 enters an order granting a request for exception.

15 **3. SC Statement**

- 16 • In preparation for the SC session, the attorneys for each party, and the parties
17 appearing pro se, if any, must submit a confidential written SC statement for the
18 court's in camera review.
- 19 • The following information must be contained in the SC Statement:
 - 20 ○ The first paragraph must contain the names and titles of all attendees along
21 with a statement of their limit(s), if any, to settle.
 - 22 ○ The entire SC Statement **must not exceed 50 pages – including exhibits.**
23 The more concise the writing and more focused the exhibits, the better the
24 undersigned will be served in understanding the case.
 - 25 ○ The exhibits should not include any items available on the docket –
26 citation to the ECF No. will suffice.
 - 27 ○ If the exhibits include deposition transcripts, then they should only be
28 excerpts with highlights on the specific statements you seek to underscore.

- History of settlement negotiations, if any, prior to the SC.
- The final paragraph must contain the opening offer or demand you will make at the SC conference with supporting explanation.
- The written SC statements must be submitted directly to the undersigned's chambers—Room 3099—by **noon on Thursday, March 19, 2020**. Do not deliver or mail them to the clerk's office. Do not serve a copy on opposing counsel.
- The purpose of the SC statement is to assist the undersigned in preparing for and conducting the SC session. To facilitate a meaningful session, your utmost candor in providing the requested information is required.
- The written SC statements will not be seen by or shared with the district judge to whom this case is assigned. The statements will be seen by no one except the undersigned.
- Each statement will be securely maintained in my chambers and will be destroyed following the closure of the case.

4. Sanctions

- Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in this order will subject the non-compliant party to sanctions under Local Rule IA 11-8 or Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(f).

5. Electronic Devices

- **RECORDING THE SC PROCEEDINGS IS EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED.**
Electronic devices are permitted in the courtroom and may be viewed the Court is caucusing with the other parties. Wi-fi connection information will be provided during the SC.

6. Pre-SC Conference Call

- The Court is willing to conduct a joint conference call with counsel for the parties prior to the SC if the parties feel issues should be addressed/discussed prior to

1 convening. The parties should submit a joint written request to chambers if a
2 conference call is requested. Requests may be faxed to (702) 464-5576.
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4 DATED: February 18, 2020.

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7 DANIEL J. ALBRECHTS
8 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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